

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on December 19, 2003.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 99244 rendered on 10/14/03.

II. RATIONALE

Review of the requestor's position statement dated January 7, 2004 partially states; "...This date of service was denied payment due to the rationale 'Not Appropriately Documented'. When we sent our Request for Reconsideration, we enclosed a copy of the clinicals documenting the 10-13-03 exam as well as a clean HCFA and a copy of their E.O.B...At this time we are asking for reimbursement for procedure code 99244 in the amount of \$212.34 as per the fee guidelines."

Review of the respondent's position statement dated January 6, 2004 partially states; "...CPT Code 99244 requires three key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and a medical decision making of moderate complexity. The Physician typically spends 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient. The documentation submitted does not support the level of office visit billed..."

Review of the alternate TWCC-62 revealed that the carrier has denied date of service 10/14/03, CPT code 99244, as "N-Documentation does not support one hour face to face." No reimbursement was made to the requestor for the dispute charge.

The requestor did not submit relevant information to support the level of service billed.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is not entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 99244.

The above Findings and Decision is hereby issued this 4th day of March 2004.

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